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RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2003 subjecting Claims 1-143 to restriction in the above-identified patent application.

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C 121 between the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-35 and 67-101, drawn to a method of sequencing a nucleic acid molecule which is a single stranded DNA contained modified nucleotides, classified in class 435, subclass 91.2.

Group II: Claims 36-66, drawn to a method of sequencing a nucleic acid molecule without the modification of nucleotide of the nucleic acid molecule, classified in class 435, subclass 91.2.


Group III: Claims 102-109, drawn to a method of producing a nucleic acid molecules with reduced secondary structure, classified in class 435, subclass 91.2.

Group IV: Claims 110-143, drawn to a method of sequencing a double stranded nucleic acid molecule, classified in class 435, subclass 91.2

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the Group I set of claims (1-35 and 67-101) without traverse.

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